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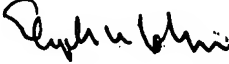
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1. The reply filed on 3/25/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment to the written specification at page 11, line 10 does not conform with 37 CFR 1.121 (b) directed to the manner of making amendments to the written specification. The full text of the replacement paragraph has not been provided with an appropriate indication of which portions of the text are to be added and deleted (section ii). Also note that it is newly added figure 12 and not figure 10 that depicts a weapon 100 having a closed gas operated system 102 for operating bolt 104. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-6877.

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